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Mrs. Rosa Parks

Civil Rights Leader

4200 N. Avenue

Montgomery, AL 32451

Dear Mrs. Parks:

I recently read the book, Rosa Parks: My Story, which is an autobiography of your life. You were an amazing and brave woman and I admire you very much. I like the way you stood up for your rights as an American and human being. Or maybe, you sat down for you rights. Your simple action of refusing to give up your seat on the bus on December 1, 1955 inspired a great many people to stand up for their rights, too.

From one small action, numerous larger actions grew. Civil rights activists, including Martin Luther King, rallied around you and started the great bus boycott. Many people endured harassment and intimidation as a result of the Montgomery Bus Boycott for over a year. In the end, it resulted in a decision by the Supreme Court! It all started because you didn’t give up your seat on the bus.

Mrs. Parks, I hope I can live my life as well as you lived yours. I feel inspired by your story to look out for the civil rights of all people. Thanks for your inspiration.

Sincerely,

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